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SUBJ: 1975 MEAT IMPORT PROGRAM - IRISH QUOTA

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1. AG ATTACHE OFFICE ESTIMATE IRISH EXPORTS TO US DURING 1975 UNLIKELY TO EXCEED 20 MILLION POUNDS EVEN WITHOUT EXPORT RESTRAINTS. DURING 1974 IRELAND ONLY SHIPPED ESTIMATED 38 MILLION POUNDS TO US, DESPITE WORST IRISH SURPLUS BEEF SITUATION FOR NEARLY 10 YEARS AND LARGE AMOUNTS COW BEEF AVAILABLE.

2. DISCUSSION WITH IRISH LIVESTOCK & MEAT BOARD AND AG ATTACHE VISITS TO A NUMBER OF MEAT EXPORT COMPANIES REVEALED MOST BONELESS COW BEEF BEING SHIPPED TO WEST GERMANY WHERE PRICES MORE ATTRACTIVE THAN IN US. AS IRELAND TAKES NEXT TRANSITIONAL STEP TO EC, WEST GERMAN MARKET BECOMES MORE ATTRACTIVE.

3. WHILE IRISH BEEF EXPORTS TO US UNLIKELY TO RETURN TO LEVELS OF LATE 1960'S AND EARLY 1970'S IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE, GOI WILL MAKE EFFORT TO KEEP THIS OUTLET OPEN IN CASE OF EMERGENCY. HOWEVER, LITTLE TRADE REACTION HERE IS EVIDENT TO RUMOURS OF US IMPORT RESTRICTIONS, AND GOI ACTION TO KEEP QUOTA AS LARGE AS POSSIBLE IS LARGELY MATTER OF FORM.RENDAHL

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